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Amendment

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001 (Paper No. 12). This Amendment is timely because it is accompanied by a petition for a two-month extension of time. Note that because this two-month extension of time places the due date for responding on a Saturday (March 2, 2002), this Amendment is timely pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.7 because it is being filed on the next succeeding business day, Monday, March 4, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

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Please **cancel** claims 1-4, 6-7 and 9-13.

Please **amend** claims 5 and 8 as follows: